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Subject: Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on realizing the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 32/20 of the Human Rights Council

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva and has the honour to refer to Resolution 32/20 entitled, “Realizing the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl”.

This resolution urged “all States to strengthen and intensify their efforts to realize progressively the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl”, recognized that “education is a multiplier right that empowers women and girls to make choices to claim their human rights, including the right to participate in public affairs, and to participate fully in the making of decisions that shape society”, and expressed a determination to “continue to make the progressive realization of the right to education a reality for every girl”. Finally, it requested the High Commissioner, in close cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, to prepare a report on the realization of the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl to be submitted for the consideration of the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fifth session.

In this context, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would like to request information in response to the following questions for the preparation of this report:

1. What are the concrete steps your Government or organization has taken to ensure the realization of the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl? Please also elaborate on the impact these steps have had, where appropriate.
2. Which measures would your Government or organization propose and implement in order to eliminate gender disparities in education by 2030, taking into account goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as other relevant SDGs?
3. What are the challenges that *your Government or organization faces* in implementing policies and programmes towards the realization of the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl? Please elaborate on the nature of these challenges and the steps taken to address them.
4. In the view of your Government or organization, what are the obstacles and barriers *faced by girls in particular* in effectively accessing education? Please elaborate on the nature of these obstacles, how they manifest in practice, and what steps have been taken to address them.

5. Does your Government or organisation have experience with the use of qualitative and quantitative indicators to assist in monitoring the realization of the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl, and if so, which have been used and why?

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful if submissions could be limited to five pages and sent to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (United Nations Office at Geneva, CH 1211 Geneva 10; Fax. +41 22 917 90 08; Email: registry@ohchr.org) by 25 November 2016.

Please indicate whether the information provided can be made available on the OHCHR website. Any enquiries may be made to Ruben Brouwer at rbrouwer@ohchr.org, telephone: +41-229171156.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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